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80-CENT GAS: WHY NOT 3-CENT FARES?



By the Governor's signature to the Page-Agnew bill 80-cent gas for New York becomes an accomplished

One of the bitterest fights in legislative history thus ends in a victory for the people. The interest of the city though subjected to the obstructive tactics of desperation and frequently defeated has finally been upheld against a corporation opposition of extraordinary

So far so good. But after 80cent gas why not 3-cent fares? Following the subjugation of Consolidated Gas why not an enforced accounting by Consolidated Traction?

Was \$1 gas which it cost the company 60 cents to make and distribute with abundant profit on the capital more of a monopolistic anomaly than are 5-cent fares for a service which costs the Metropolitan 21/4 cents and the Interborough but 2 cents?

The charge for city transportation as being a worse example of extortion than the charge for gas has the less excuse for existence. On a legitimate capitalization three-cent fares would pay an ample profit. The additional two cents charged to enable the payment of dividends on watered and manipulated stock issues is a burdensome and unjust tax on human thrift. It should be abolished.

CHINATOWN PARK IN SIGHT.

The unanimous vote of the Local Improvement Board for a Chinatown Park brings The Evening World's project a long step nearer reali-

The board's decision responds directly to opinion as voiced at the public hearing. The plea of a Chinatown property owner that the vicious elements housed in this region should not be dispersed to other parts of the city throws a suggestive light on the conditions it is sought to abolish. What better argument could there be for their eradication than this, that they are so bad they should be let alone?

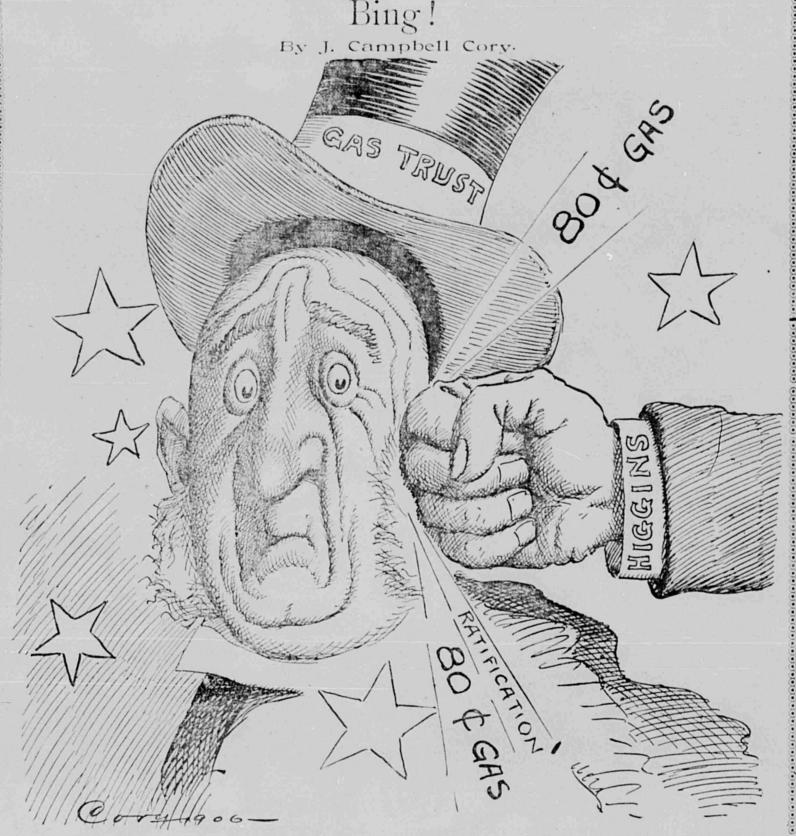
By all except beneficiaries by the revenues of crime the project is approved. It remains only for the Board of Estimate to indorse the local board's decision.

MARS, VENUS AND THE KAISER.

With Menzel dead what German historical painter will depict the Kaiser leading his hussars to Crefeld to serve as dancing partners for young ladies? Certainly the episode should be preserved on canvas for posterity. Many a martial host, bold in war, yet in the interests of arms has lent itself to the decoration of a ballroom, but never under such

The incident will touch a responsive chord at Newport, Old Point Comfort and Monterey. Uncle Sam also arranges these matters, though with less spectacular announcement. Is it entirely by chance that the North Atlantic squadron finds a rendezvous at the summer capital when the season is in full swing? Is not Fort Monroe as much of a finishing academy in dancing as an artillery school? For steps to which quarter- en

decks have grown monotonous there are waxed floors ashore. But is the effect of the display of gold lace confined to feminine



LETTERS from the PEOPLE ANSWERS to QUESTIONS EL

To the Editor of The Evening World:

A says that spring starts on the sevence of March and B says that it starts on the twenty-first. Which date is right?

Individual work, and you say your husband "isn't a brute, but merely firm in his principles." Does he ever stop to think that some day he will be old himself and may be afflicted in a worse manner than his poor old father-in-law? And To the Editor of The Evening World: ANXIOUS.

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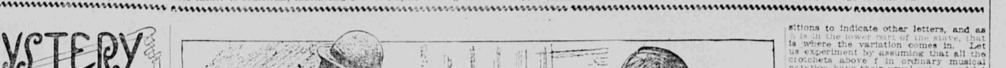
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get extra money to support him. MRS. M. A Universal Ticket. To the Editor of The Evening World:

en Island. There are a hundred places where noonday dinner can be bought or boarding-house. Spend the day Why don't they have a ticket good tramping the woods and climbing bills, for any transit line-subway, "L" or You'll come back to town at fight a surface? All are run by one bunch, little tired, but with new air in your so why have three kinds of fare-nickel, lungs, new vigor in your nerves and not work, and you say your husband green ticket and pink ticket? Save us fresh, red corpuscles in your blood. It Sane Advice for Town-Dwellers. at home and the slow afternoon stroit and "take to the woods." HYGIENE.





CHAPTER III. "The Fifth Dancer."

off, and after waiting another minute of the bank, graned and set with or two the inspector began a thundering cannonade of knocks that brought overy available head out of the window of every inhabited room in the Window of every inhabited room in the Window of the Wi

open the door and save him the neces-sity of damaging it. At this the woman of damaging it. opened the window and began abusing short

We went to the window, and there appearance of flushness that paying the least most fire and a piece of written in the inspector soid; and we trained down into the basement. A little way from the stairfoot Hewitt owned a receptacle for each. They still keen the coal bove via see, he said strikting a match and passing it to and from the solution for the cool bove via see, he said strikting a match and passing it to and from the sloping roof of the cupboard.

We went to the window, and there way. Also he appearance of flushness that paying the dept might have given him, and there are twenty-six letters to be insigned him enough. There is a copy 1 make a not divided. Since there are on the stave posting the dept might have given him, and the top space, is in its right to one the same line a few precess of paper. Here is a copy 1 make the basement of flushness that paying the dept might have given him, and to quietly out of the country with his agrider on old Luker—anyhow, the thing place as a musical note, while the papearance of flushness that paying the dept might have given him, and to the top space is the store are on the stave post one is a musical note. While the papearance of flushness that paying the dept might have given him, and the top space is the store and semigrative on old Luker—anyhow, the thing a few preceded in the top space is the stare on the store are on the store and semigrative on the top space is the store are on the store and semigrative on the top space is the store are on the store and the top space is the store are on the store are on the store and semigrative on the top space is the store are on the top space. Is in its right to one at all constant to the paying the paying the dept might have given him, and the paying the dept might have given him, and the paying the dept might have given him, and the paying th

underside of the stairs.

'And now for the fifth dancer," he a said, throwing the match away and making for the staircase again.

ut and the inspector began a careful examination of the one he had indi-HERE was no response, so Hewitt places, and Hewitt passed his hand over the surfaces of both tread and riser. "All out," said the inspector. Presently, with his hand at the outer No," I said; "I saw a woman watch." edge of the riser, Hewitt spoke. "Here ing me from the window above not it is, I think," he said; "it is the riser three minutes ago."

"Ho, ho!" the inspector repiled." He took out his pocketknife and

That's so, ch? One of you-you, John- scraped away the grease and paint one step round to the back, will you? from the edge of the old stair. Then a joint was plainly visible. For a long time the plain, grimed and set with

ow. Within, nothing was visible but grime, done this the letters read:
The woman's face appeared stealth. Buff and small rubbish. The hispector "Year are a clever cove to fly at the upper window again, but the inspector saw, and he shouted to her to open the door and save him the necessity of damaging it.



opened the window and began abusing the inspector with a shriliness and fluency that added a street-corner audience to that already congregated at the windows.

The inspector should idappential for the front door to be opened and in a minute or two the folts were shot, and it swung back. The placed Johnson storage. There's plainly nothing more, except this piece of gaper. He with Sales, and as we passed in the passage, and as we passed in the passage are passed in the passage are passage to prison, set to work and got the jewels for himself. He either had more ground that jewel has the passage in prison, set to work and got the jewels for himself. He either had more ground that jewel has the jewels and storage in prison, set to work and got the jewels for himself. He either had more ground that jewel has the jewels of himself. He either had more ground that jewel has passed, or else he had got some clue to the cipper during his association with Shiels. The thing was a cryptogram, of course, of a very simple sort, though ancommon in design. Shore in the jewel was a humorous soul, too, to leave this measure the jewels and the jewels and the jewels are the jewels are the jewels and the jewels are the jewels and the jewels are the je stood in the passage, and as we passed in the passage, and as we passed in he sail, "I've locked 'er in the loose grime as it was a small piece of back room upstaire." As a matter of back room upstaire." As a matter of back room upstaire. But, I asked, why did ne give that sill of music to Luker's father?

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"The Crime of the Last House," another stirring Martin Hewitt adventure, will be-gin in to-morrow's Evening

A Group of Oddities in Picture and Story.

HIS is one of the strangest-looking edifices on earth and is regarded with awe and adoration by many illion people. It is the "Dhamok Tope" it Benares, the sacred city of the Ganges e Tope or tower is 120 feet high and marks the legendary spot where Buddha first taught. The building is of incred bly great age and is of stone and masonry. The upper half of it is covered with verdure, and from the left side of the summit, more than 100 feet above ground, a large tree spreads its green branches, its roots being firmly (some claim miraculously) imbedded in the earth-filled interstices of the stonework. The accompanying photograph is reproduced from the Illustrated Lon-



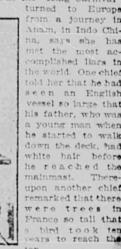
The swiftest bird is either the vulture which is said to be able to travel at the rate of 150 miles an hour, kestrel, which can probably equal if not exceed this speed.

If two kernels were added to each ear of corn grown in Missouri last year \$200,000 would be added to the value of the Missouri corn crop. This statement was made recently by George B. Ellis, Secretary of the State Board od

The Czar's eldest daughter has one of the finest collections of penny toys in the world, which have been sent to her from Paris, London and Berlin.

The twenty-third annual carnival at Nice, which recently ended, was the most gorgeous on record. Oddest of its many queer features was the "King Carnival"

duced from th mocking face of t "King," flanked giganție figures clowns, appea above a mammot in a bristling hal of Incandescen lights, 800 electri the face alone. A idea of the group



Sir Robert Ball, who has been lecturing on the glacial epoch, informed his hearers recently that the next ice age is due 200,000 pulses hence. Then, he says, all Northern Durope and America will be once more under an ice cap that will cover the highest mountains and last for many thousands of years.

During the past twenty years 2,061 balloon and airship ascents have taken place in Germany and only thirty-six cases of accident have befallen the 7,570 persons taking part in them. Consequently one trip in fifty-seven comes to

grief, or one areonaut in 210 meets with an accident.



gondolas, in whose centre a dining table is set up and equipped. A canopy hangs over this and the remainder of the gondola is draped in bright-colored nangings. A little band of musicians are in the stern near the gondolier. The guests take their seats, the band strikes up and the odd craft floats out upon the Grand Canal, where dinner is skies and amid surroundings unsurpasted for novelty and charm. The picture is reproduced from a photograph in the Illustrated London News.

Great quantities of cartridges were wasted by Russian soldiers in the cent war. A single regiment at Liaoyang used 1,200,000 cartridges, an average of 640 for each man, or about 50 per cent, more than the maximum allowance of a French infantry soldier.

Jerome's Vacation. By Charles R. Barnes.

ACATION time, vacation time! it's not so far away; We see it drawing closer with the dawn of the And some of us are wond'ring if our William T. Jerome We see it drawing closer with the dawn of each new day,

was killing more people than rum.

"I notice he hasn't been getting in- of the halls, vited out any more, and the other day "The man with a grouch sure has my I saw him takin' a bummy looking fel- sympathy," continued Binks, "an' est

people he had invited that overeating and threatened to leave if the little boy

low up to his room, and when I took for me I'm giad it isn't catchin'!"